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SUBJECT: "CLEAN SLATE" REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL

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1. I HAVE INDEED GIVEN LONG AND CAREFUL THOUGHT TO THE CLEAN SLATE PROPOSALS. I HAVE DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO PROCEED WITH IT. THE CREATION OF THE NEW UNITS SEEMS TO ME TO PRESENT SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONCEPTUAL TENDENCY TO DISAGGREGATE RATHER THAN INTEGRATE DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS, AND THE FACT THAT IT DOES NOT CARRY THROUGH LOGICALLY TO OTHER AGENCIES. NOR WOULD I BE COMFORTABLE WITH IT IN TERMS OF MY OWN STYLE.

2. I BELIEVE THAT THE SAME OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES INTENDED BY CLEAN SLATE CAN BE ACHIEVED WITH THE TRADITIONAL ORGANIZATION BUT UTILIZING CERTAIN CHANGES IN MODUS OPERANDI, SUCH AS CT TASK FORCES, ETC. IN THIS CONNECTION YOU MAY WISH TO REFER TO THE BOGOTA INSPECTION REPORT WHICH DEALS WITH THAT POINT. (I ALSO DISCUSSED THIS AT LENGTH WITH BOB SAYRE.)

3. I WILL OF COURSE KEEP IN CONSTANT REVIEW THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT A REORGANIZATION WOULD BE USEFUL, AND PERHAPS AFTER I HAVE HAD
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SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR'S EXPERIENCE I CAN MAKE

ANOTHER EVALUATION. IN THE MEANTIME, I PROPOSE
TO RETAIN THE PRESENT ORGANIZATIONAL PATTERN AND
ADJUST STAFF MEETING/COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE
ASSIGNMENTS.
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